

REMARKS

By this amendment, Claims 7, 9, 13 and 15 have been amended. Claims 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 19-20 have been added. Hence, Claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19-20 are pending in the application.

I. SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS

Claims 7-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 1-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,233,600 issued to Salas et al. ("*Salas*").

The rejections are respectfully traversed.

II. THE PENDING CLAIMS ARE COMPLIANT WITH 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Each of the pending claims recites a combination of elements that are enabled by the Applicants' patent application. The claims previously presented have been amended herein to more particularly identify subject matter that the Applicants regard as their invention. The pending claims are fully supported by the Applicants' specification. For example, support for the pending claims may be found generally in the Applicants' specification on pages 3, line 17 – page 48, line 13; and more specifically, on page 14, lines 5-10; page 17, line 16 – page 24, line 13; page 33, line 6 – page 36, line 11; page 39, lines 10-17; and page 42, line 20- page 45, line 3. The Office Action objected to the recital of "attributes values associated with a particular folder;" however, this feature is not currently recited in the pending claims. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the ground for rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph have been rendered moot.

III. THE PENDING CLAIMS ARE PATENTABLE OVER THE CITED ART

Each of the pending claims recites a combination of elements that are not disclosed, taught, or suggested by the cited art, as explained below.

A. Claims 7 and 13

Amended Claims 7 and 13 feature the express elements of:

- “storing, in a database, content items for a web site;
- storing, in said database, folder data representing one or more folders;
- storing, in said database, mapping data that indicates a folder-to-content item mapping;
- storing, in said database, permission data that identifies, for each of the one or more folders, one or more user permissions, wherein each of the one or more user permissions are assigned to one or more users, wherein each user permission indicates a level of access, granted to the assigned user, on the associated folder and any content items therein;
- in response to a request to perform a web site operation that involves a particular content item, performing the steps of:
 - determining, based on the folder-to-content item mapping, the particular folder associated with the particular content item;
 - determining that a particular user permission applies to said particular content item based on the particular user permission being associated with the particular folder; and
 - responding to said request to perform the web site operation based on said particular user permission,
- wherein the web site operation is an operation to create the particular content item within the particular folder, wherein said particular content item is not visible to said one or more users until said particular content item is approved by a folder owner of said particular folder” (emphasis added)

Salas does not disclose, teach, or suggest this express combination of elements.

It is respectfully submitted that *Salas* does not disclose, teach, or suggest numerous claimed features of Claims 7 and 13, as there are significant fundamental differences between the approach of *Salas* and the express features of the pending claims.

Salas does not disclose, teach, or suggest the element of “wherein the web site operation is an operation to create the particular content item within the particular folder, wherein said particular content item is not visible to said one or more users until said particular content item is approved by a folder owner of said particular folder” as featured

in Claims 7 and 13. Advantageously, the approach of Claims 7 and 13 allows a first user to create a content item in a folder, without the content item being visible to a user group until the content item is approved by another user, namely the folder owner of the folder in which the content item is created.

In sharp contrast, to the extent that *Salas* mentions the concept of a permission, that discussion is limited to:

In some embodiments, users may be divided into three separate groups: coordinator; reader; and participant. In this embodiment, a coordinator can add members to the eRoom and may supersede any rights granted to users. A reader is someone who has access to the eRoom solely to view the content of that eRoom while a participant is a user that may access the eRoom and may edit the objects and files contained in the eRoom as well as upload new objects and files to the eRoom. User access may be checked by running the database query on the appropriate table and only allow a user to access the eRoom when that user's name or authentication content appear as an entry in the table, i.e., is returned from the database query as a result. (Col. 14, lines 42-54).

The above-cited portion of *Salas* is absent of any suggestion of creating a content item within a folder, and the content item is not visible to one or more users until the content item is approved by a folder owner of the folder. In fact, no portion of *Salas* even mentions or suggests the concept of a folder owner. As explained on page 7, lines 17-19 of the Applicants' specification, a folder owner may control the contents of their assigned folders, as well as assign privileges to those that may view the contents of their folder. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that *Salas* does not disclose, teach, or suggest the element of "wherein the web site operation is an operation to create the particular content item within the particular folder, wherein said particular content item is not visible to said one or more users until said particular content item is approved by a folder owner of said particular folder" as featured in Claims 7 and 13.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that *Salas* does not disclose, teach, or suggest one or more express elements of Claims 7 and 13. Consequently, Claims 7 and 13 are patentable over the cited art and are each in condition for allowance.

B. Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, and 19-20

Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, and 19-20 are dependent claims, each of which depends (directly or indirectly) on one of the Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, and 19-20. Each of Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, and 19-20 is therefore allowable for the reasons given above for the claim on which it depends. In addition, each of Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, and 19-20 introduce one or more additional limitations that independently render it patentable. However, due to the fundamental differences already identified, to expedite the positive resolution of this case a separate discussion of those limitations is not included at this time, although the Applicants reserve the right to further point out the differences between the cited art and the novel features recited in the dependent claims.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any fee shortages or credit any overages Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

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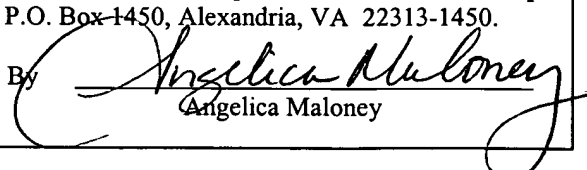
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